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COUNTRY East GermanyREPORT NO. TOPIC Military Information from KuestrinEVALUATION see below PLACE OBTAINED  25X1ADATE OF CONTENT 22 September to 3 October 1953DATE OBTAINED  25X1A DATE PREPARED 26 October 1953

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REMARKS

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1. On 3 October 1953, the Artillerie Kaserne, Kuestrin, was occupied as previously by about 1,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets. Between 22 September and 3 October, 16 x 85-mm AA guns, 4 Puaso-3 ballistic directors, 1 radar set with parabolic reflector, and 18 x 25-mm AA guns were seen in the barracks area, and troops daily received instruction on 25-mm AA guns and 85-mm AA guns. On 24 September, a column of 4 x 37-mm AA guns, 1 Puaso-3 ballistic director and 3 trucks, each occupied by 25 troops, was seen going to, and returning from, the direction of Bleyen.

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2. On 27 September, source saw a letter  with a soldier of an AAA unit stationed in Kuestrin-Kietz. 2 25X1B

25X1A.  Comment. The information does not indicate any changes in the occupation of the Artillerie Kaserne with light and a medium AAA regiment of the 32d AAA Div (US) over a report of mid-September by the same source.

25X1A  The light AA guns are, however, rather safely believed to have been 37-mm guns.

25X1A.  Comment.  25X1B confirms the 25th Gds Mecz Regt of the 7th Gds Mecz Div from Frankfurt/Oder until 27 September 1953. The presence in Kuestrin of soldiers of this division is accounted for by the occupation of border control points there by the division.

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